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=====PRIMER IMPACTO FCC REPORTS FOR DECEMBER 2010

=====12/01/10

===== DC-UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS RAN OUT (15 SEC)

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS STARTED RUNNING OUT YESTERDAY FOR APPROXIMATELY 2 MILLION PEOPLE, ACCORDING TO THE LABOR DEPARTMENT. 6 MILLION MORE COULD LOSE THEM BY JAN 1 IF CONGRESS DOES NOT EXTEND THEM. DEMOCRATS WANT EXTENSION, REPUBLICANS AGREE BUT ONLY IF THEY CAN BE PAID FOR WITHOUT ADDING TO DEFICIT.

=====12/02/10

=====Johnson and Johnson recall (17 SEC)

THE LATEST RECALL IS FOR 12 MILLION BOTTLES OF MYLANTA AND 85-THOUSAND BOTTLES OF ALTERNA-GEL. THE PRODUCTS MAY CONTAIN ALCOHOL. THEY WERE MADE AT THE SAME PLANT THAT HAD TO SHUT DOWN EARLIER THIS YEAR DUE TO HYGIENE PROBLEMS. THE COMPANY IS ALREADY UNDER CRIMINAL AND CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION DUE TO QUALITY CONTROL ISSUES.

=====12/03/10

=====BARBIE CAM CONCERN (19 sec)

THE F-B-I IS CONCERNED THAT VIDEO GIRL BARBIE COULD BE USED TO MAKE CHILD PORNOGRAPHY. THE DOLL HAS A DIGITAL VIDEO CAMERA INSTALLED IN THE MIDDLE OF HER CHEST. IT CAN RECORD 30-MINUTES OF VIDEO AN AUDIO THAT CAN BE STREAMED TO A COMPUTER. THE DOLL HAS SOME PARENTS WORRIED AS WELL. A STATEMENT BY THE DOLL'S COMPANY MATTEL, SAID "MATTEL PRODUCTS ARE DESIGNED WITH CHILDREN AND THEIR BEST INTERESTS IN MIND. MANY OF MATTEL'S EMPLOYEES ARE PARENTS THEMSELVES AND WE UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF CHILD SAFETY - IT IS OUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY." THE F-B-I SAYS THERE HAVE BEEN 'NO' INCIDENTS INVOLVING THE DOLL. IT HAS BEEN ON STORE SHELVES SINCE JULY.

=====12/06/10

=====BEATING HEART TRANSPLANTS (17 SEC)

THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES IS HEADING AN EXPERIMENT THAT COMPARES THE SAFETY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE "BEATING HEART" TRANSPLANT TO THE STANDARD METHOD OF STOPPING THE HEART AND PLACING IT IN A COOLER TO GET IT TO THE RECIPIENT. ENROLLED IN THE BEATING HEART PILOT STUDY IN THE U.S. WILL BE 128

PATIENTS RANDOMLY CHOSEN NATIONWIDE. INSTEAD OF STOPPING THE HEART AND PUTTING IT ON ICE IN A \$35 COOLER, THE NEW TECHNOLOGY CALLS FOR PLACING THE ORGAN IN A SPECIAL \$200,000 BOX THAT FEEDS IT BLOOD AND KEEPS IT WARM AND TICKING OUTSIDE THE BODY.

=====12/07/10

=====Low Dose Aspirin May Help Fight Certain Types of Cancer (20 SEC)

A MAJOR NEW STUDY JUST OUT SHOWS ONE LOW-DOSE ASPIRIN A DAY -- THE KIND MILLIONS OF PEOPLE TAKE FOR HEART HEALTH -- COULD ALSO SIGNIFICANTLY CUT THE RISK OF DEATH FROM SOME OF THE MOST COMMON FORMS OF CANCER. THE STUNNING FINDING CAME WHILE RESEARCHERS WERE STUDYING 25,000 PEOPLE TAKING DAILY ASPIRIN TO PREVENT HEART DISEASE. IT TURNS OUT ASPIRIN WAS DOING SOMETHING ELSE: REDUCING THE DEATH RATE FROM CANCER AS WELL. THE MOST DRAMATIC DECREASE WAS IN GASTROINTESTINAL CANCER. FOR EVERY 46 PEOPLE WHO TOOK ASPIRIN EVERY DAY FOR 5 YEARS, ONE LIFE WAS SAVED.

=====12/08/10

=====TALIBAN HOSTAGE VIDEO (19 sec)

MANBA AL-JIHAD, A GROUP ASSOCIATED WITH THE AFGHAN TALIBAN, RELEASED A 45 MINUTE VIDEO SHOWING WHAT THEY SAID WAS NEW FOOTAGE OF CAPTURED US SOLDIER BOWE BERGDAHL. A THIRTY SECOND SECTION OF THE VIDEO SHOWED A MAN WEARING U.S. MILITARY-STYLE UNIFORM SPEAKING TO THE CAMERA. REUTERS WAS UNABLE TO VERIFY THE ACCURACY OR DATE THE FOOTAGE WAS TAKEN. THE TALIBAN HAVE PREVIOUSLY ISSUED VIDEO OF IDAHO NATIONAL GUARD PRIVATE BOWE BERGDAHL ON CHRISTMAS DAY 2009 AND ON APRIL 7, 2010.

=====12/09/10

=====Just one cigarette can harm DNA (17 sec)

SURGEON GENERAL SAYS EVEN BRIEF EXPOSURE TO TOBACCO SMOKE CAUSES IMMEDIATE HARM TO THE BODY, DAMAGING CELLS AND INFLAMING TISSUE IN WAYS THAT CAN LEAD TO SERIOUS ILLNESS AND DEATH, ACCORDING TO THE U.S. SURGEON GENERAL'S NEW REPORT ON TOBACCO, THE FIRST SUCH REPORT IN FOUR YEARS. WHILE THE REPORT, OUT TODAY, FOCUSES ON THE MEDICAL EFFECTS OF SMOKE ON THE BODY, IT ALSO SHEDS LIGHT ON WHY CIGARETTES ARE SO ADDICTIVE: THEY ARE DESIGNED TO DELIVER NICOTINE MORE QUICKLY AND MORE EFFICIENTLY THAN CIGARETTES DID DECADES AGO. EVERY EXPOSURE TO TOBACCO, FROM OCCASIONAL SMOKING OR SECONDHAND SMOKE, CAN DAMAGE DNA IN WAYS THAT LEAD TO CANCER.

=====12/10/10

=====FAA MISSING AIRCRAFTS (22 sec)

THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION'S AIRCRAFT REGISTRY IS MISSING KEY INFORMATION ON ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF THE PRIVATE AND COMMERCIAL PLANES IN THE US - A GAP THE AGENCY FEARS COULD BE EXPLOITED BY EXTREMIST MILITANTS AND DRUG TRAFFICKERS. THE RECORDS ARE IN SUCH DISARRAY THAT THE FAA SAYS IT IS WORRIED

THAT CRIMINALS COULD BUY PLANES WITHOUT THE GOVERNMENT'S KNOWLEDGE, OR USE THE REGISTRATION NUMBERS OF OTHER AIRCRAFT TO EVADE NEW COMPUTER SYSTEMS DESIGNED TO TRACK SUSPICIOUS FLIGHTS. IT HAS ORDERED ALL AIRCRAFT OWNERS TO RE-REGISTER THEIR PLANES IN AN EFFORT TO CLEAN UP ITS FILES. ABOUT 119,000 OF THE 357,000 PLANES ON THE US REGISTRY HAVE "QUESTIONABLE REGISTRATION" BECAUSE OF MISSING FORMS, INVALID ADDRESSES, UNREPORTED SALES OR OTHER PAPERWORK PROBLEMS, ACCORDING TO THE FAA. IN MANY CASES, THE FAA CANNOT SAY WHO OWNS A PLANE OR EVEN WHETHER IT IS STILL FLYING OR HAS BEEN JUNKED.

=====12/13/10

=====SUGARY KIDS CEREAL STUDY (20 SEC)

SUGARY-SWEET CEREALS AREN'T NECESSARILY WHAT KIDS CRAVE IN THE MORNING. A STUDY CONDUCTED BY YALE UNIVERSITY FOUND THAT MANY CHILDREN-- WHEN GIVEN LOW-SUGAR CEREALS-- ENJOYED THEM AND ATE A BETTER BREAKFAST WHEN THEY DIDN'T EAT A SUGARY ALTERNATIVE. SCIENTISTS MEASURED 91 CHILDREN AT A DAY CAMP. THE KIDS WERE OFFERED EITHER THREE KINDS OF HIGH-SUGAR CEREALS OR THREE BRANDS OF LOW-SUGAR CEREALS. THEY WERE ALSO GIVEN MILK, ORANGE JUICE, A FRUIT CUP AND SUGAR PACKETS. INVESTIGATORS FOUND ALTHOUGH BOTH GROUPS OF CHILDREN SAID THEY LIKED THE TASTE OF THEIR CEREAL, THOSE WHO ATE THE HIGH SUGAR PRODUCTS, ATE LARGER PORTIONS OF CEREAL. THE AUTHORS OF THE STUDY CONCLUDED THAT PARENTS SHOULD OFFER THEIR KIDS HEALTHY CEREAL CHOICES-- AND MAKE THEM MORE APPEALING BY ADDING FRESH FRUIT OR A SMALL AMOUNT OF TABLE SUGAR.

===== DECEMBER 14, 2010

=====BREAST MILK FDA WARNING (:22)

FEDERAL HEALTH OFFICIALS ISSUE A WARNING FOR NEW MOTHERS. WOMEN WHO CAN'T BREAST-FEED ARE TURNING TO THE INTERNET AND GETTING BREAST MILK FROM MOTHERS WHO HAVE A SURPLUS --BUT, THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION WARNS IT'S NOT A GOOD IDEA. THE F-D-A SAYS "THE DONOR IS UNLIKELY TO HAVE BEEN ADEQUATELY SCREENED FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASE OR CONTAMINATION RISK." AND THAT WOMEN SHOULD USE BREAST MILK FROM SOURCES SUCH AS THE HUMAN MILK BANKING ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA, WHERE MILK DONORS HAVE BEEN SCREENED.

===== DECEMBER 15, 2010

=====DROP SIDE CRIBS RECALLED :21

TRAGICALLY, 32 INFANTS DIED IN SO-CALLED "DROP-SIDE CRIBS" OVER THE LAST 9 YEARS ACCORDING TO THE U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION. THE AGENCY ALSO SAID ANOTHER 14 INFANTS WERE STRANGLED IN RELATED "CRIB ENTRAPMENT" ACCIDENTS. BUT BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE WEDNESDAY MORNING IN WASHINGTON, THE AGENCY ENACTED THE TOUGHEST RULES EVER TO BAN SO-CALLED DROP SIDE CRIBS AND MAKE SURE NEW MODELS ARE A LOT SAFER THAN THE OLDER ONES. THE RULE MUST STILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER, AND WILL GO INTO EFFECT 6 MONTHS AFTER THE FORMAL NOTICE.

===== DECEMBER 16TH

=====STAYING ACTIVE REALLY DOES BEAT MIDDLE-AGE
SPREAD :18

PEOPLE WHO KEEP UP AN ACTIVE LIFESTYLE INTO MIDDLE-AGE GAIN FEWER POUNDS AND INCHES OVER TIME -- AND THE BENEFIT MAY BE EVEN GREATER FOR WOMEN THAN MEN, A NEW STUDY FINDS. THE FACT THAT CONSISTENTLY ACTIVE PEOPLE GAIN LESS WEIGHT OVER THE YEARS MAY NOT COME AS A SURPRISE. BUT LITTLE IN THE WAY OF RESEARCH EVIDENCE ACTUALLY SUPPORTED THAT NOTION.

=====12/17/10

=====FDA: Avastin should not be used for breast cancer (20 sec)

FEDERAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES ARE RECOMMENDING THE BLOCKBUSTER DRUG AVASTIN NO LONGER BE USED TO TREAT BREAST CANCER, SAYING RECENT STUDIES FAILED TO SHOW THE DRUG'S ORIGINAL PROMISE TO HELP SLOW THE DISEASE. THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION'S DECISION IS SUPPORTED BY MANY CANCER EXPERTS BUT IS SURE TO DRAW RESISTANCE FROM CANCER PATIENTS AND SOME DOCTORS WHO FIERCELY DEFEND THE DRUG AND SAY IT SHOULD REMAIN AVAILABLE. THE FDA APPROVED AVASTIN FOR BREAST CANCER IN 2008 BASED ON STUDIES SUGGESTING IT HALTED THE SPREAD OF BREAST CANCER FOR MORE THAN FIVE MONTHS. BUT FOLLOW-UP STUDIES SHOWED THAT DELAY LASTED NO MORE THAN THREE MONTHS, AND PATIENTS SUFFERED DANGEROUS SIDE EFFECTS.

=====12/20/10

=====CAT AND DOG FOOD RECALL (15 SEC)

THE KROGER CO <KR.N> IS RECALLING SELECT PACKAGES OF DOG AND CAT FOODS AT SOME OF ITS RETAIL STORES BECAUSE THE PRODUCTS MAY POSE A HEALTH RISK TO PETS. THE COMPANY SAID ON SATURDAY THE RECALL INVOLVES CERTAIN BAGS OF PET PRIDE CAT FOOD, PET PRIDE TASTY BLEND POULTRY & SEAFOOD CAT FOOD, PET PRIDE KITTEN FORMULA FOOD, OLD YELLER CHUNK DOG FOOD, KROGER VALUE CAT FOOD, KROGER VALUE CHUNK DOG FOOD.

=====12/23/10

=====Sudden infant deaths most common on New Year's (20 sec)

A NEW STUDY FINDS THAT MORE BABIES DIE OF SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME (SIDS) IN THE UNITED STATES ON NEW YEAR'S DAY THAN ANY OTHER DAY OF THE YEAR. IT'S NOT CLEAR WHY, BUT RESEARCHERS SUSPECT IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH PARENTS WHO DRINK HEAVILY THE NIGHT BEFORE AND PUT THEIR CHILDREN IN JEOPARDY. RESEARCHERS ANALYZED A DATABASE OF 129,090 DEATHS FROM SIDS FROM 1973 TO 2006 AND 295,151 OTHER INFANT DEATHS DURING THAT TIME PERIOD. THEY FOUND THAT THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM SIDS OCCUR ON NEW YEAR'S DAY: THEY SPIKE BY ALMOST A THIRD ABOVE THE NUMBER OF DEATHS THAT WOULD BE EXPECTED ON A WINTER DAY. THE STUDY DOESN'T PROVE THAT ANYTHING IS THE CAUSE OF THE SIDS DEATHS. (THE NUMBER OF OTHER KINDS OF INFANT DEATHS DIDN'T SPIKE SIGNIFICANTLY ON NEW YEAR'S DAY.) HOWEVER, THE RESEARCHERS POINT OUT THAT THERE'S PLENTY OF DRINKING ON NEW YEAR'S EVE. THEY POINT TO RESEARCH THAT SAYS THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE INVOLVED IN ALCOHOL-RELATED CAR CRASHES SKYROCKETS ON NEW YEAR'S EVE, WELL BEYOND ANY OTHER DAY OF THE YEAR.

=====12/27/10

=====NORTHEAST BLIZZARD CLOSES AIRPORTS (2 MIN)

THOUSANDS OF TRAVELERS TRYING TO GET HOME AFTER THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND SAT BORED AND BLEARY-EYED IN AIRPORTS AND SHIVERED ABOARD STUCK BUSES AND SUBWAY TRAINS MONDAY, STRANDED BY A BLIZZARD THAT SLAMMED THE NORTHEAST WITH MORE THAN 2 FEET OF SNOW. SNOWFALL TOTALS INCLUDED A FOOT IN TIDEWATER, VA., AND PHILADELPHIA, 29 INCHES IN PARTS OF NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, 2 FEET NORTH OF NEW YORK CITY, AND MORE THAN 18 INCHES IN BOSTON. THE STORM CLOSED ALL THREE OF THE NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA'S AIRPORTS AND STYMIED MOST OTHER MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION. BUSES SPUTTERED TO A HALT IN SNOW DRIFTS. TRAINS STOPPED IN THEIR TRACKS. TAXI DRIVERS ABANDONED THEIR CABS IN THE MIDDLE OF NEW YORK'S SNOW-CLOGGED STREETS. EVEN THE NEW YORK CITY SUBWAY SYSTEM --USUALLY DEPENDABLE DURING A SNOWSTORM -- BROKE DOWN IN SPOTS, TRAPPING RIDERS FOR HOURS. COLD, HUNGRY AND TIRED PASSENGERS SPENT THE NIGHT IN AIRPORTS, TRAIN STATIONS AND BUS DEPOTS. SOME WERE GIVEN COTS AND BLANKETS. OTHERS USED THEIR LUGGAGE AS PILLOWS, CURLED INTO CHAIRS, OR MADE BEDS BY SPREADING TOWELS ON THE FLOOR OR OVERTURNING THE PLASTIC BINS USED FOR SENDING ITEMS THROUGH AIRPORT SECURITY.

=====12/28/10

=====VITAMIN D AND PREGNANCY

THERE'S MORE EVIDENCE THAT PREGNANT WOMAN NEED MORE VITAMIN D. A RECENT STUDY FOUND THAT NEWBORNS WITH LOW LEVELS OF VITAMIN D HAD A GREATER RISK OF RESPIRATORY INFECTION THAN THOSE WHO HAD HIGHER LEVELS. THE STUDY WAS CONDUCTED AT HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL AND MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL. IT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE JOURNAL 'PEDIATRICS'. VITAMIN D COMES FROM SUNLIGHT AND FROM FOODS LIKE MILK.

=====12/29/10

=====NEW MEAT NUTRITION LABEL REQUIRED

A REPORT SAYS TODAY, THE U-S DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WILL ANNOUNCE NEW LABELING REQUIREMENTS FOR BEEF, POULTRY, PORK AND LAMB. U-S-D-A RULES WILL REQUIRE THE DETAILED NUTRITION LABELS ON ALL MEATS STARTING IN 20-12. THE NEWSPAPER "U-S-A TODAY" REPORTS THE NEW LABELS WILL INCLUDE INFORMATION LIKE CALORIES, TOTAL FAT, SODIUM, CHOLESTEROL AND VITAMINS.

=====12/30/10

=====GREECE/ARGENTINA-BLASTS (21 sec)

A POWERFUL BOMB HIDDEN ON A PARKED MOTORCYCLE EXPLODED OUTSIDE TWO COURT BUILDINGS IN CENTRAL ATHENS AND A SMALL BOMB WENT OFF OUTSIDE THE GREEK EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA, BUT NEITHER CAUSED INJURIES, OFFICIALS SAID. THE RUSH-HOUR BLAST IN ATHENS FOLLOWING A WARNING TELEPHONE CALL TO A NEWSPAPER AND PRIVATE TV STATION, AUTHORITIES SAID. POLICE HAD EVACUATED THE TARGETED BUILDINGS, WHICH ARE USED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES, AS WELL AS A NEARBY PRIVATE HOSPITAL. THE BLAST DAMAGED CARS AND SHATTERED WINDOWS, BUT

STATE HEALTH OFFICIALS CONFIRMED THAT NO ONE WAS INJURED. SEPARATELY, A SMALL BOMB THAT EXPLODED OUTSIDE THE GREEK EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES CAUSED MINIMAL DAMAGE OVERNIGHT AND NO ONE WAS AT THE EMBASSY.

=====12/31/10

=====FORD RECALL (26 sec)

FORD MOTORS ANNOUNCED THEY ARE RECALLING ALMOST 20 THOUSAND TRUCKS AND SUVS YEAR MODEL 2011 DUE TO A POSSIBLE SHORT CIRCUIT THAT CAN RESULT IN A FIRE. VARIOUS MODELS LIKE "PICK UP" INCLUDING THE FORD "EDGE" AND THE LINCOLN "MKX" CHRYSLER IS ALSO TAKING SIMILAR ACTION FOR A DIVERSITY OF PROBELMS WITH SECURITY ISSUES. THEY ARE RECALLING ONE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE THOUSAND VEHICLES, MAINLY THE TRUCK CALLED "DODGE RAM" AND DODGE "JOURNEY; THEY WILL NEED TO BE INSPECTIONED AND REPAIRED.